



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 9, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,116 initial claims were filed during the week ending 5/9/20, a decrease of 3,344 from the previous week, and an increase of 5,425 from a year ago. Of the 6,116 initial claims filed, 5,182 were due to COVID-19. Through May 8th, there have been a total of 154,380 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 4,954 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 92,825 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/9/20, a decrease of 3,768 from the previous week and an increase of 86,064 from a year ago. This week there were 41,348 continued claims processed for Pandemic Unemployment Insurance (PUA).

Workshare – gives employers an alternative to layoffs by allowing employees to work reduced hours and collect a percentage of regular UI benefits to compensate for lost pay. This week, 35 initial claims and 1,010 continued claims were processed. An estimated 8 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation – PEUC, provides up to 13 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. Rhode Island began taking PEUC claims May 7, 2020. This week there were 503 new PEUC claims processed.

Exhaustions – 273 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 18 from the previous week and an increase of 116 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,097 initial claims and 8,618 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,097 initial claims filed, 451 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$527 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 30,542 TDI claims and 12,136 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,097 TDI initial claims, 322 (29.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 564 TCI payments were issued totaling \$335,558. The average weekly TCI payment was \$595. Of the 30,542 TDI claims filed in 2020, 7,775 or 25.5% were TCI claims. This week a total of 36 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
	Total - All programs*	6,766	6,079		687	95,759	102,525	108,728
UI Claims	6,116	5,467	649	92,825	98,941	106,053	7,452	7,448
Change from:								
Previous Week	-3,344	-3,128	-216	-3,768	-7,112			
Year Ago	5,425	4,964	461	86,064	91,489			
PEUC	503	503	0	6	509			
COVID-19	5,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/8/2020	149,198							
PUA	4,954	-	-	41,348	-	-	-	-
Interstate-Liable	112	96	16	1,918	2,030	2,204	345	300
Workshare	35	13	22	1,010	1,045	471	479	382
Workshare Equivalency	8	3	5	339	347	150	117	105
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	273	273	255	157	133
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,097	884	213	8,618	9,715	11,424	8,138	7,665
Change from:								
Previous Week	-16	-18	2	-1,693	-1,709			
Year Ago	195	195	0	1,382	1,577			
COVID-19	451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/8/2020	12,136							

* Includes UI, PEUC, Workshare & Interstate Liable. UI claims include COVID-19.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program/Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.